

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Mobile Workshops

Come see the best that Columbus, Georgia has to offer in trails. The first day of the 2019 Georgia Trail Summit will offer hands-on, experiential learning in the form of Mobile Workshops. We proudly offer the following options for those wanting to learn from experts as they guide participants through real-world trail opportunities and challenges.

Preserving Columbus's Black Heritage Trail – Mobile Workshop

Sunday, May 5, 2019

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

At Columbus Convention and Trade Center

The Black Heritage Trail in Columbus, GA was recognized as a National Recreation Trail in 2000, and yet, even this distinction has not brought the attention and awareness needed to maintain the trail that links 31 historically significant African American sites within the city. Too often, the contributions of marginalized communities on our nation's transit systems go unrecognized. Participants will walk along the Black Heritage Trail while facilitators will discuss how cities can promote and preserve their historic sites and landmarks. Following the guided walk, participants will attend and observe a community led design charrette – aimed to address the lack of wayfinding, gateway, and transit infrastructure on the Black Heritage Trail. The community led design charrette will include historic and artistic perspectives to support community members in their goal of starting a conversation on the need to promote and preserve the diverse history in Columbus, GA, and will seek to establish design and preservation metrics for any current and future development along the trail.

Workshop Facilitators:

Addie Jewell Britt; Transportation Planner, Columbus Consolidated Government

Julian Plowden; Designer/Artist, Black Art in America (BAIA)

Dr. Shae Anderson; Executive Director, Liberty Theater Cultural Center Inc.;

Logistics:

Cost: \$20.00

Meet: Columbus Convention and Trade Center; 900 Front Ave, Columbus, GA 31901

Physical Demands: Moderate (some exertion or difficulty for periods of the activity)

Required Gear and Equipment: Comfortable clothing and footwear

Soft Drinks & Snacks: Provided, please bring your own water bottle, if convenient.

Lunch – Participants purchase own lunch at Minnie's Uptown Restaurant

Continuing Education Credits: 2 credit hours for landscape architects registered in the state of Georgia (Contact walt.ray@tpl at time of registration for specific instructions and requirements)

Maximum Number of Participants: 25

Greenways & Shared Use Paths: Design to Details – Mobile Workshop

Sunday, May 5, 2019

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

At Columbus Convention and Trade Center

This workshop will be a casually paced bicycle tour of the existing and planned shared use paths and greenways in and near downtown Columbus. Workshop leaders will stop periodically to discuss best practices in greenway/shared use path design and implementation, with a focus on experiential understanding of design details, network planning, and construction considerations that foster safe, all-ages-and-abilities access for both active transportation and recreational use of these facilities.

Workshop Facilitators:

Brent Buice; GA & SC Regional Coordinator, East Coast Greenway Alliance
Julio Portillo; Executive Director, Midtown, Inc.

Logistics:

Cost: \$20.00

Meet: Columbus Convention and Trade Center; 900 Front Ave, Columbus, GA 31901

Physical Demands: Moderate (some exertion or difficulty for periods of the activity)

Required Gear and Equipment: Comfortable clothing and footwear; Bring your own bicycle and helmet or borrow one provided for this Mobile Workshop - complements of Ride on Bikes. Please e-mail Walt.Ray@tpl.org to reserve a bicycle and helmet, if needed.

Soft Drinks & Snacks: Provided, please bring your own water bottle.

Maximum Number of Participants: 30

Trail Maintenance Assessment Workshop

Sunday, May 5, 2019

12:30 PM to 4:30 PM

At Columbus Convention and Trade Center

Learn about trail design basics, material options, user group considerations, and best practices for maintenance of natural-surface trails. Join trail experts for a walk and talk about assessment of trail maintenance problems, their causes and possible solutions. Attendees will learn how to identify natural surface trail maintenance needs such as: erosion problems, lack of drainage in flat areas, rerouting a damaged trail, and routine maintenance for long term management and care. All trails benefit from routine maintenance. This Workshop will introduce participants to best practices with hands-on demonstrations.

Workshop Facilitators:

Walt Bready; Owner, B Ready Trails

Brett Davidson, President, MTB Atlanta

Aaron Steele; President, Tailored Trails

Jay Richardson; Trail Manager Flat Rock Park, CVA, Chattahoochee Valley Area SORBA

Logistics:

Cost: \$20.00

Meet: Columbus Convention and Trade Center; 900 Front Ave, Columbus, GA 31901
Transportation: This Workshop will be held at a park approximately 12 miles from the Convention Center. Participants will meet at the Convention Center before boarding shuttle to venue. Shuttle will return to Convention Center at 4:30 PM.

Physical Demands: Moderate (some exertion or difficulty for periods of the activity)

Required Gear and Equipment: Closed-toed shoes and long pants

Soft Drinks & Snacks: Provided, please bring your own water bottle, if convenient.

Continuing Education Credits: 1 credit hour for landscape architects registered in the state of Georgia (Contact walt.ray@tpl at time of registration for specific instructions and requirements)

Maximum Number of Participants: 30

From High Level to Eye Level: Healthy Community Design in Columbus, GA

Sunday, May 5, 2019

1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

At Columbus Convention and Trade Center

Public Health and City Design go way back. In the 19th century, urban health officials eradicated infectious diseases by observing (and then shaping) the connection between the built environment and health outcomes. Today's diseases, stemming from our sedentary lifestyle and social isolation, present a new set of challenges. But are they, too, connected to the design of the city? Spoiler alert: the answer is yes. Join us on a 5-mile guided walk, led by public health and planning practitioners, on our Dragonfly Trails. Participants will experience how Columbus invites people towards physical, social, and economic well-being.

Workshop Facilitators:

Mario Davis; CEO, YMCA of Metro Columbus, Friends of the Dragonfly

Jack Lockwood, Project Manager, West Central Health District

Semilla Neal, Project LAUNCH Coordinator, West Central Health District

Carolina Rodriguez, Urban Planner, City of Columbus

Logistics:

Cost: \$20.00

Meet: Columbus Convention and Trade Center; 900 Front Ave, Columbus, GA 31901

Physical Demands: Moderate (some exertion or difficulty for periods of the activity)

Required Gear and Equipment: Comfortable shoes and clothes for walking

Soft Drinks & Snacks: Provided, please bring your own water bottle, if convenient.

Continuing Education Credits: 1 credit hour for landscape architects registered in the state of Georgia (Contact walt.ray@tpl at time of registration for specific instructions and requirements)

Maximum Number of Participants: 20

Cinco de Mayo – Free Ride

Sunday, May 5, 2019

3:30 PM to 6:00 PM

At Columbus Convention and Trade Center

This free ride will be a casually paced bicycle tour of River Walk's downstream section between the Conference Center and the Infantry Museum. Round trip is approximately 16 miles with gently sloping terrain on a paved trail system.

Workshop Facilitators:

Atiba Mbiwan, BRAG Dream Team

Annette Santiago-Waters

Jimmy Habersham, BRAG Dream Team

Ed McBrayer, PATH Foundation

Greta deMayo, KAIZEN Collaborative

Logistics:

Cost: Free

Meet: Columbus Convention and Trade Center; 900 Front Ave, Columbus, GA 31901

Physical Demands: Moderate (some exertion or difficulty for periods of the activity)

Required Gear and Equipment: Comfortable clothing and footwear; Bring your own bicycle and helmet or borrow one provided for this Mobile Workshop. Please e-mail Walt.Ray@tpl.org to reserve a bicycle and helmet, if needed.

Soft Drinks & Snacks: Provided, please bring your own water bottle.

Maximum Number of Participants: No Maximum – Bicycles and helmets are available only to first 20 to pre-register – complements of Ride on Bikes.

Whitewater Adventure

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Afternoon: To Be Announced

At Columbus Convention and Trade Center

REI is partnering with Whitewater Express to offer Georgia Trail Summit attendees the signature Columbus, GA experience, rafting the world-class whitewater trail in the Chattahoochee River along Columbus's beautiful waterfront. Participants will meet at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center before walking to Whitewater Express for orientation and gear.

Workshop Facilitators:

Daniel Jesse with REI

Others TBA

Logistics:

Cost: \$20

Meet: Columbus Convention and Trade Center; 900 Front Ave, Columbus, GA 31901

Physical Demands: Moderate (some exertion or difficulty for periods of the activity)

Required Gear and Equipment: Clothes you can get wet. Footwear with laces.

Soft Drinks & Snacks: Provided, please bring your own water bottle.

Maximum Number of Participants: 30

Paddle on the Lower Chattahoochee River Water Trail

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Afternoon: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

At Columbus Convention and Trade Center

Join Georgia Rivers Network for a fascinating 2 hour, five-mile flat water paddle on one of Georgia's 18 developing water trails. Along the way, you'll learn about key elements necessary for a successful water trail.

A shuttle will take participants from the Convention and Trade Center to our launch site at the Chattahoochee Paddle Company boat house where participants will be outfitted with life jackets and canoes/ kayaks. No partner or paddling experience required.

The route takes paddlers through some of the most historic parts of the Chattahoochee River. We will put in at the site where the CSS Jackson was burned in 1865, and paddle past its current home in the Civil War Navel Museum. You will see what remains of the river's industrial past. A gas dock on the Georgia side and a grain dock on Alabama side of the river, along with a wrecked gas barge will bring the river's golden age as a transportation hub to life.

Workshop Facilitators:

Gwyneth Moody, Georgia Rivers Network
Others TBA

Logistics:

Cost: \$20

Meet: Columbus Convention and Trade Center; 900 Front Ave, Columbus, GA 31901

Physical Demands: Moderate (some exertion or difficulty for periods of the activity)

Required Gear and Equipment: Clothes you can get wet. Footwear with laces.

Soft Drinks & Snacks: Provided, please bring your own water bottle.

Maximum Number of Participants: 20

The Nightlife of Trails– Mobile Workshop

Sunday, May 5, 2019

8:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Leave from Reception Location

End at Columbus Convention and Trade Center

With its high concentration of arts and culture hotspots, trendy cafes and bars, and public space programming of concerts and glow-rides, downtown Columbus boasts a strong nightlife economy. A vibrant and inclusive nightlife scene can enhance public life especially for young people, and trail advocates should study the Trail Nightlife. After taking in the pink and blue cotton-candy sunset over the Chattahoochee River, we'll stroll the Columbus and Phenix City Riverwalk loop. We'll observe a shift change in the trail foot traffic and talk about what makes the space inviting for nocturnal pursuits.

Workshop Facilitators:

Carolina Rodriguez, Urban Planner, City of Columbus

Ximena Rozo, Industrial Designer & Founder, Ximena Rozo Design

Logistics:

Cost: \$20.00

Meet: At Sunday Evening Reception (Uptown, Columbus)

Physical Demands: Moderate (some exertion or difficulty for periods of the activity)

Required Gear and Equipment: Comfortable clothing and footwear

Soft Drinks & Snacks: Provided, please bring your own water bottle, if convenient.

Maximum Number of Participants: 25

Registration for the 2019 Georgia Trail Summit is open. Visit www.GeorgiaTrailSummit.com to register or for more details.